

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6299
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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the production and use of organic manure and fertilisers;
- (b) if so, the names of non-chemical fertilisers produced and marketed in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh alongwith the support systems existing for the same at present;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring these organic fertilisers under the proposed nutrition based subsidy system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the nature of assistance likely to be provided by the Government to the farmers for production of organic fertilisers in their fields?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): Government is promoting production and use of organic fertilizers under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) through setting up of Fruit/Vegetable Market Waste/Agro Waste Compost Units and establishment of Biofertilizer production units. Financial support is also provided under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for setting up of vermi-compost production units.
- (b): Biofertilisers namely Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Azospirillum, Phosphate Solubilising Microorganisms (PSM), Plant Growth Promoting Rhizosphere (PGPRs), non-chemical Biofertilisers and cellulolytic microorganisms are produced and marketed across the country including Madhya Pradesh.
- (c) & (d): At present, there is no such proposal for inclusion of organic fertilizers under nutrient based subsidy system.
- (e): Financial assistance is available under NHM for setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% estimated cost (Rs.60,000/- unit).